

# GOES-R Program Update



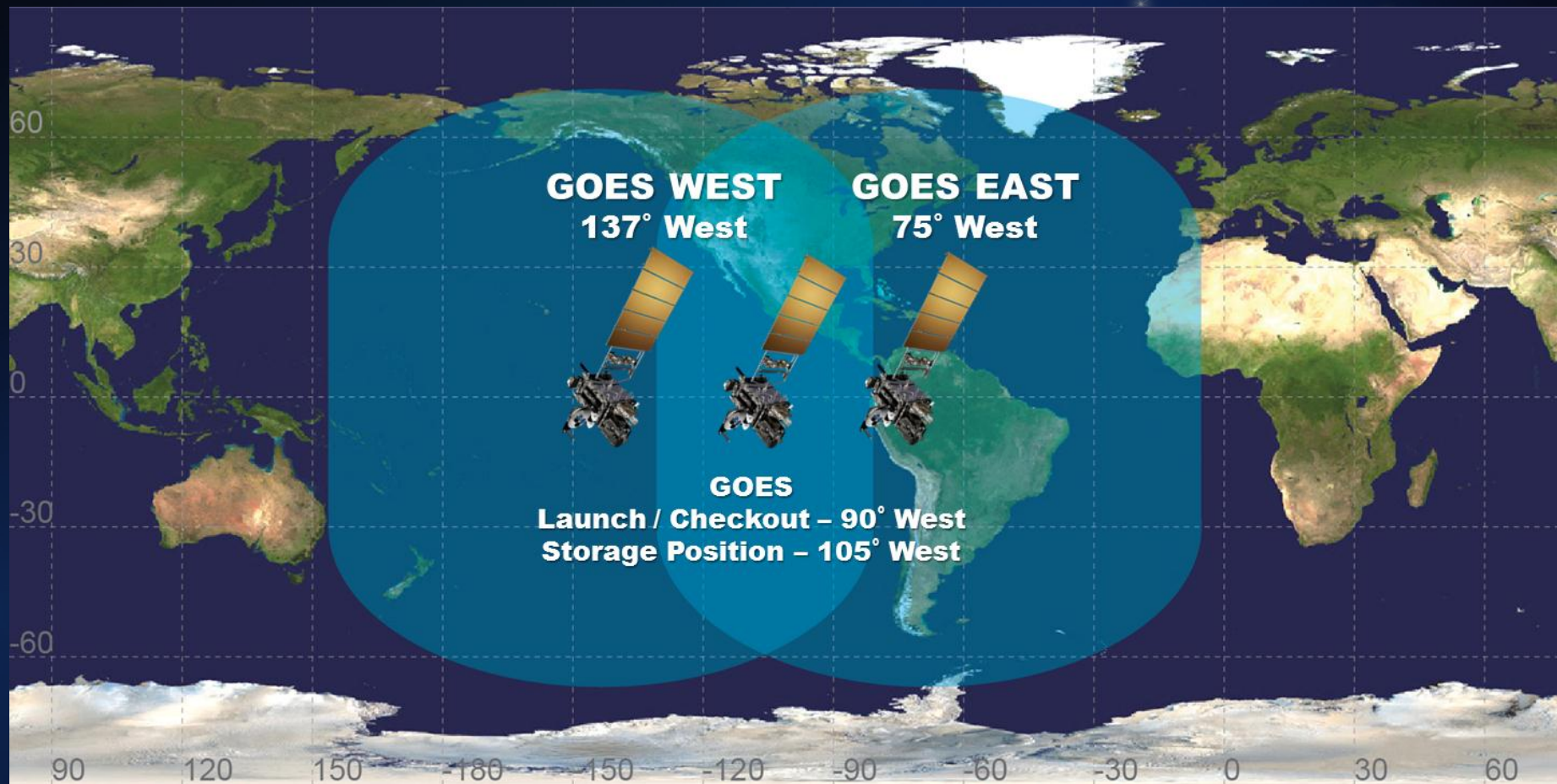
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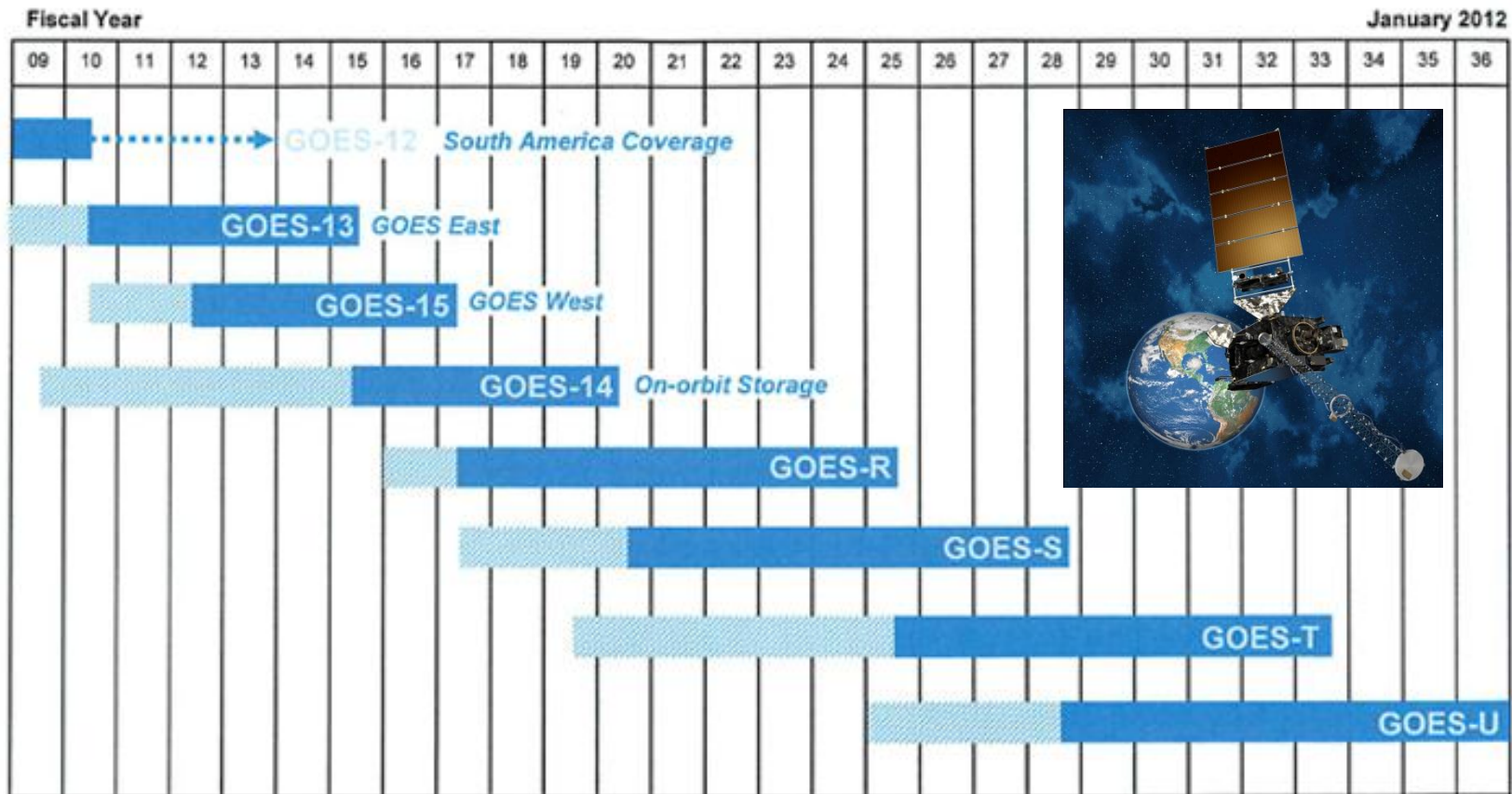
April 30, 2012

# GOES Fleet





# Continuity of GOES Operational Satellite Program



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Signed on: 1/25/12



Satellite is operational  
beyond design life

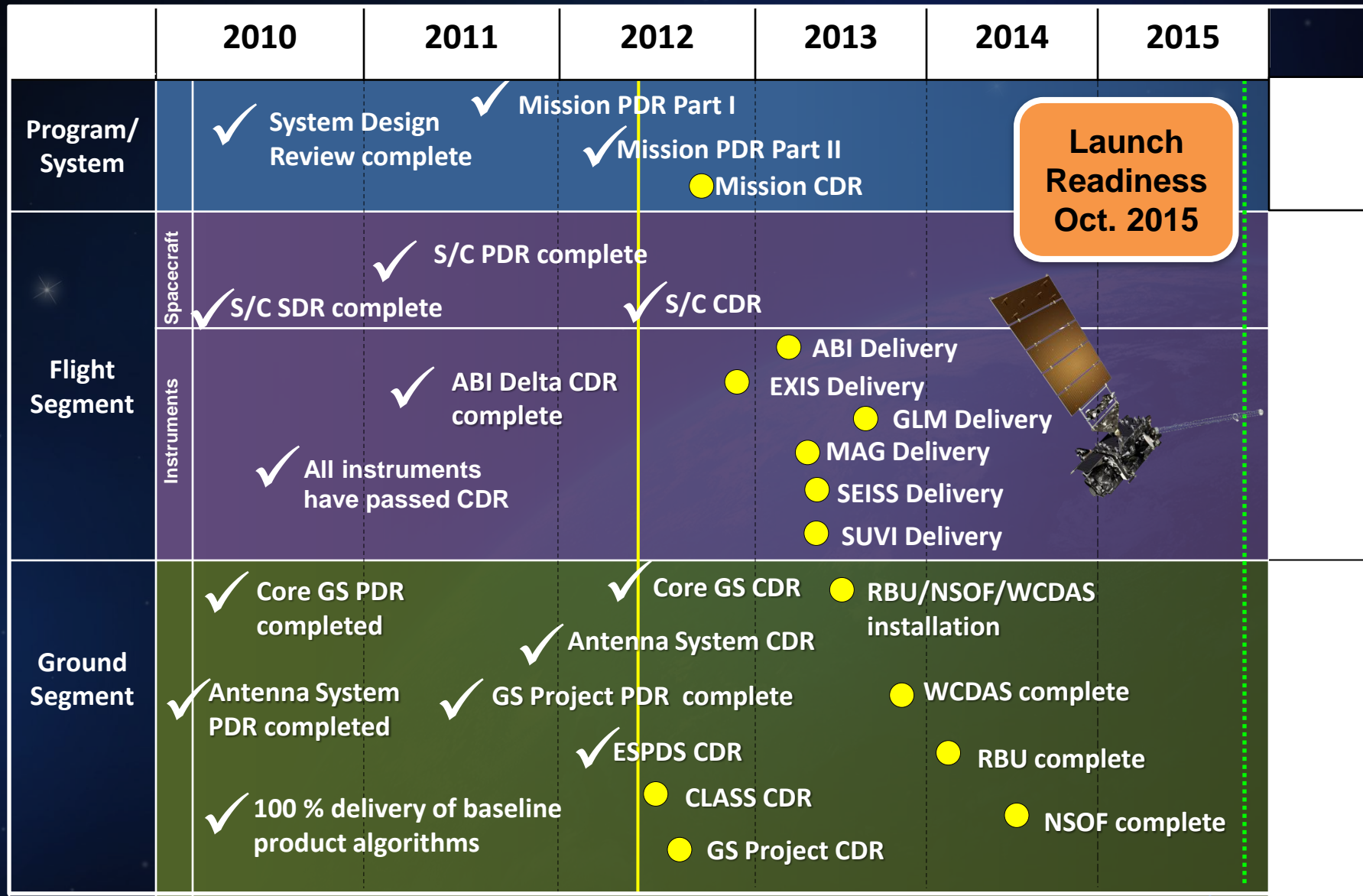


Post Launch Test / On-orbit  
storage



Operational

# GOES-R Milestones

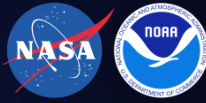


Development

Integration and Testing



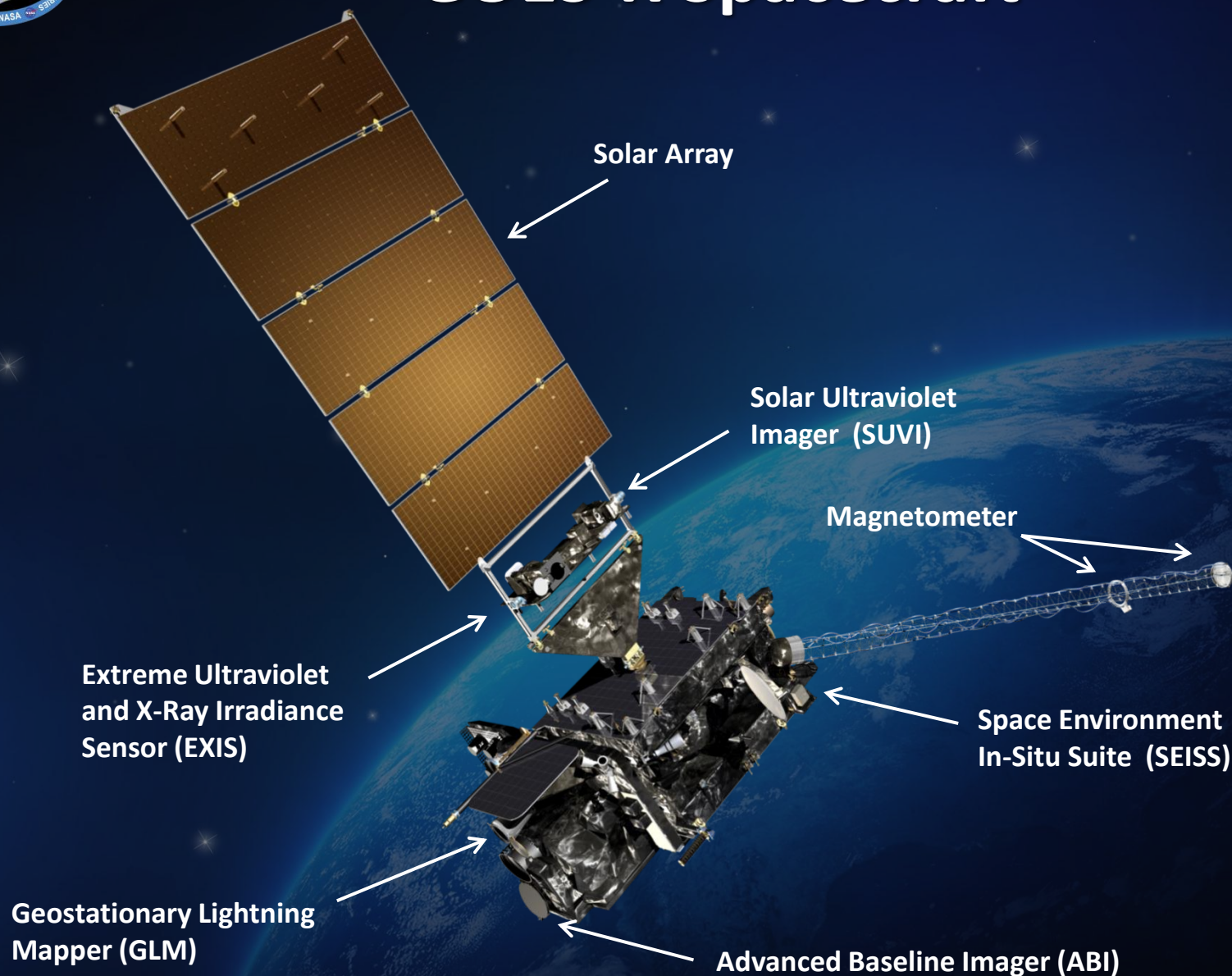
# GOES-R Spacecraft

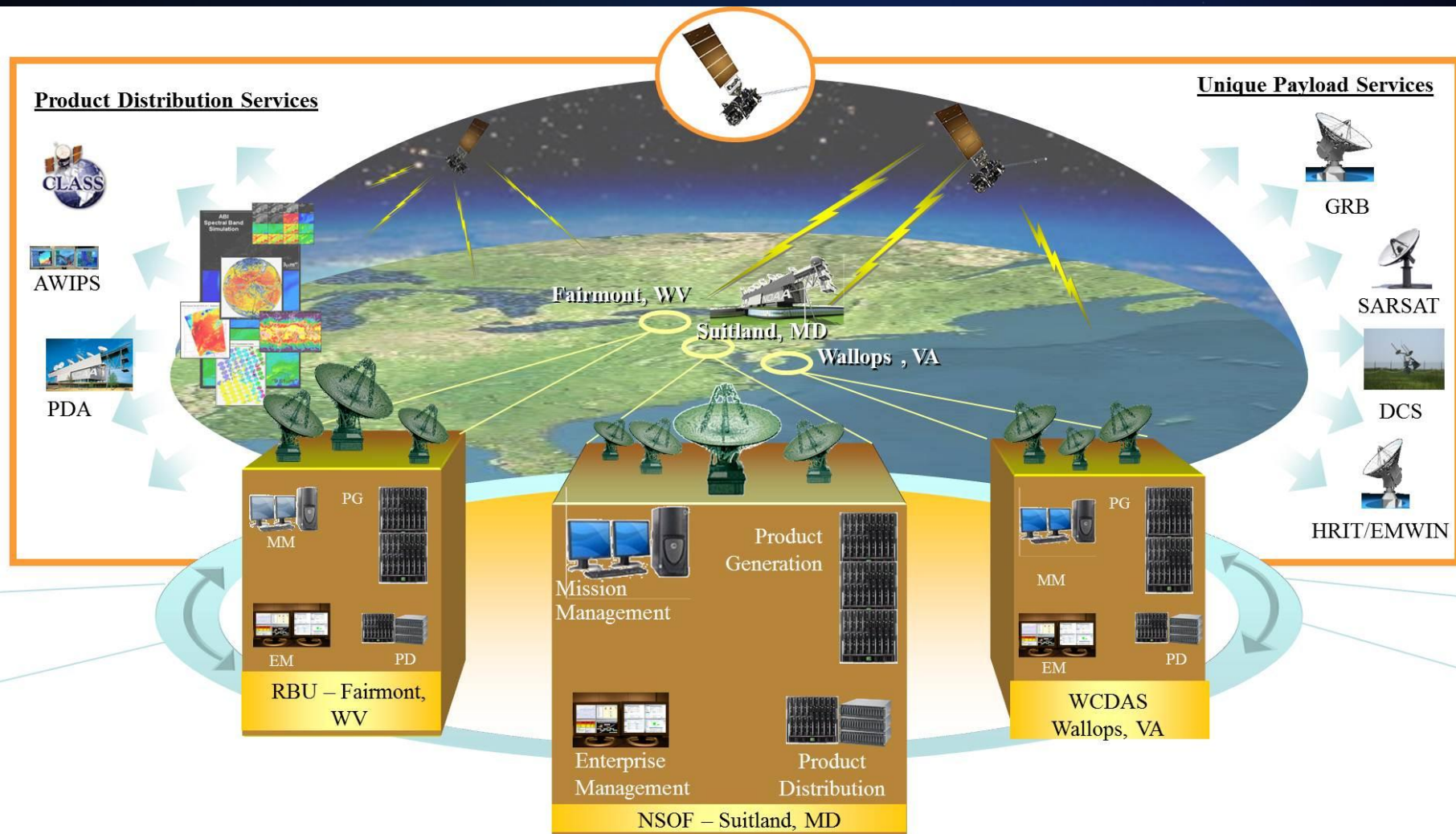






# GOES-R Spacecraft







# Program Updates

- User Readiness Plan completed February 2012
- Live Media Event at Goddard April 3, 2012
  - 2012 tornado season
  - More than 40 stations across the country participated including the Weather Channel
- GOES-R/S Launch contract awarded to United Launch Services, LLC on April 5, 2012
- GRB downlink specifications to be released in August 2012
- GRB simulator in development
  - May 2013 availability







# GOES-R Products



## Baseline Products

### Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI)

Aerosol Detection (Including Smoke and Dust)  
Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD)  
Clear Sky Masks  
Cloud and Moisture Imagery  
Cloud Optical Depth  
Cloud Particle Size Distribution  
Cloud Top Height  
Cloud Top Phase  
Cloud Top Pressure  
Cloud Top Temperature  
Derived Motion Winds  
Derived Stability Indices  
Downward Shortwave Radiation: Surface  
Fire/Hot Spot Characterization  
Hurricane Intensity Estimation  
Land Surface Temperature (Skin)  
Legacy Vertical Moisture Profile  
Legacy Vertical Temperature Profile  
Radiances  
Rainfall Rate/QPE  
Reflected Shortwave Radiation: TOA  
Sea Surface Temperature (Skin)  
Snow Cover  
Total Precipitable Water  
Volcanic Ash: Detection and Height

### Geostationary Lightning Mapper (GLM)

Lightning Detection: Events, Groups & Flashes

### Space Environment In-Situ Suite (SEISS)

Energetic Heavy Ions  
Magnetospheric Electrons & Protons: Low Energy  
Magnetospheric Electrons: Med & High Energy  
Magnetospheric Protons: Med & High Energy  
Solar and Galactic Protons

### Magnetometer (MAG)

Geomagnetic Field

### Extreme Ultraviolet and X-ray Irradiance Suite (EXIS)

Solar Flux: EUV  
Solar Flux: X-ray Irradiance

### Solar Ultraviolet Imager (SUVI)

Solar EUV Imagery

## Future Capabilities

### Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI)

Absorbed Shortwave Radiation: Surface  
Aerosol Particle Size  
Aircraft Icing Threat  
Cloud Ice Water Path  
Cloud Layers/Heights  
Cloud Liquid Water  
Cloud Type  
Convective Initiation  
Currents  
Currents: Offshore  
Downward Longwave Radiation: Surface  
Enhanced "V"/Overshooting Top Detection  
Flood/Standing Water  
Ice Cover  
Low Cloud and Fog  
Ozone Total  
Probability of Rainfall  
Rainfall Potential  
Sea and Lake Ice: Age  
Sea and Lake Ice: Concentration  
Sea and Lake Ice: Motion  
Snow Depth (Over Plains)  
SO<sub>2</sub> Detection  
Surface Albedo  
Surface Emissivity  
Tropopause Folding Turbulence Prediction  
Upward Longwave Radiation: Surface  
Upward Longwave Radiation: TOA  
Vegetation Fraction: Green  
Vegetation Index  
Visibility



# Future Capability Products: Path Forward



- **GOES-R Program is addressing Future Capabilities through the Risk Reduction Science Program**
  - GOES-R AWG will complete delivery of the tested Algorithm Theoretical Basis Documents (ATBDs) and test data sets
  - These materials are available to users at NOAA's discretion
  - Discussions with NWS and the advisory groups during Science Week will determine the priority and path forward
- **All data necessary to produce these future capability products are available to users**
  - GOES-R produced data and ancillary data (external sources) will be available through the CLASS system
  - Currently evaluating the optimum method for making the algorithms available to users



# GOES-R User Readiness

- Expanded User Community content at <http://www.goes-r.gov/users/user-readiness-overview.html>

- GOES-R Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GOESRsatellite>)

- GOES-R Proving Ground
  - Demonstrations
  - CIMMS, CIRA, SPoRT, HWT blogs

- Visiting Scientist Program
- Forecaster Feedback
- Training and Outreach
- Fact sheets
- Tri-fold brochure
- User Readiness Plan completed February 2012





# The GOES-R Proving Ground

- Collaborative effort between the GOES-R Program Office, selected NOAA Cooperative Institutes, NWS forecast offices, NCEP National Centers, NASA SPoRT, JCSDA, and NOAA Testbeds
- Responsible for user readiness testing of GOES-R baseline products and future capabilities prior to launch
- Where proxy and simulated GOES-R products are tested, evaluated, and integrated into operations before the GOES-R launch
  - Satellite Champions at NWS National Centers
  - Develop training for users
  - Prepare for display within AWIPS/AWIPS-II/N-AWIPS
  - Initial focus on High Impact Weather and warning related products requested by NWS
- A key element of GOES-R User Readiness (Risk Mitigation)
- Proving Ground activities are having an impact **NOW!**

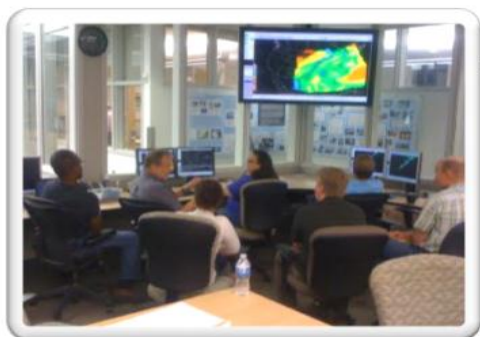




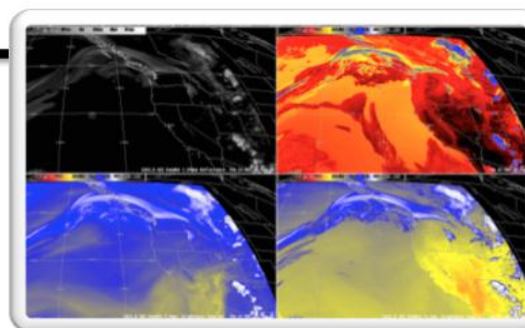
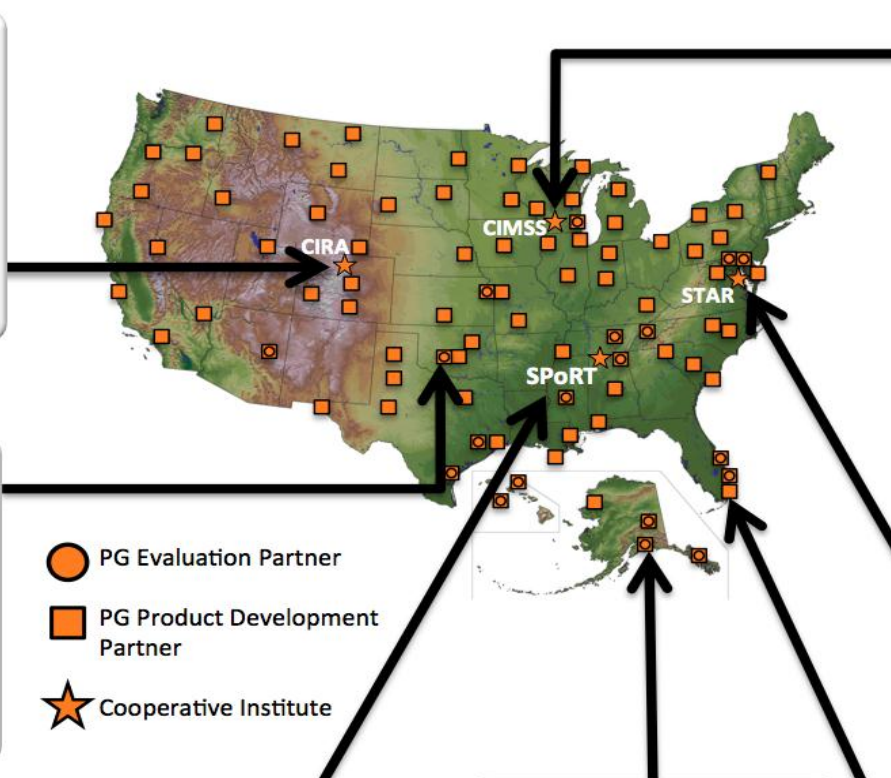
# The GOES-R Proving Ground



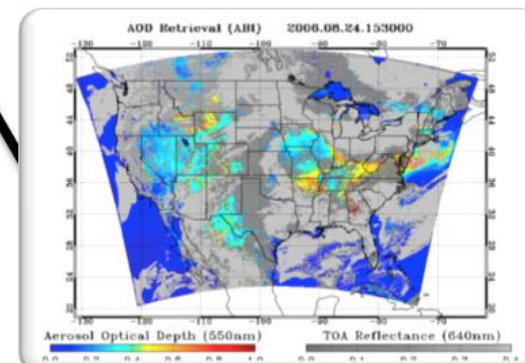
**CIRA - Ft. Collins, CO**  
ABI Simulated Natural Color



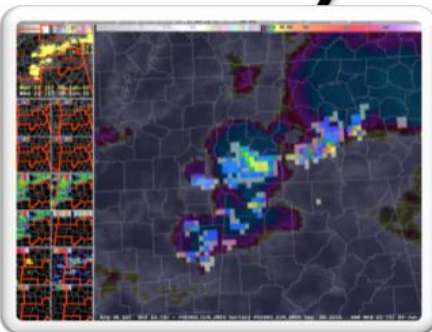
**SPC - Oklahoma City, OK**  
Nearcast Training at the Hazardous Weather Testbed



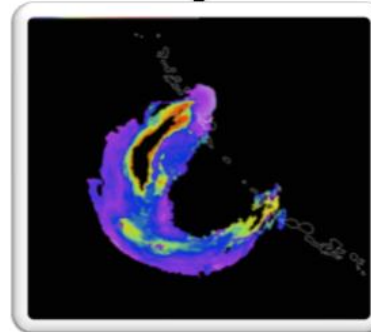
**CIMSS - Madison, WI**  
Simulated ABI Bands



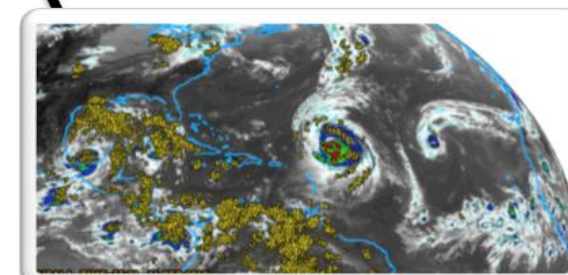
**STAR - Camp Springs, MD**  
Aerosol Optical Depth Product



**SPoRT - Huntsville, AL**  
GLM Lightning Flash Density



**AFC - Anchorage, AK**  
Volcanic Ash Product



**NHC - Miami, FL** Rapid Intensification Index

# Lightning Detection

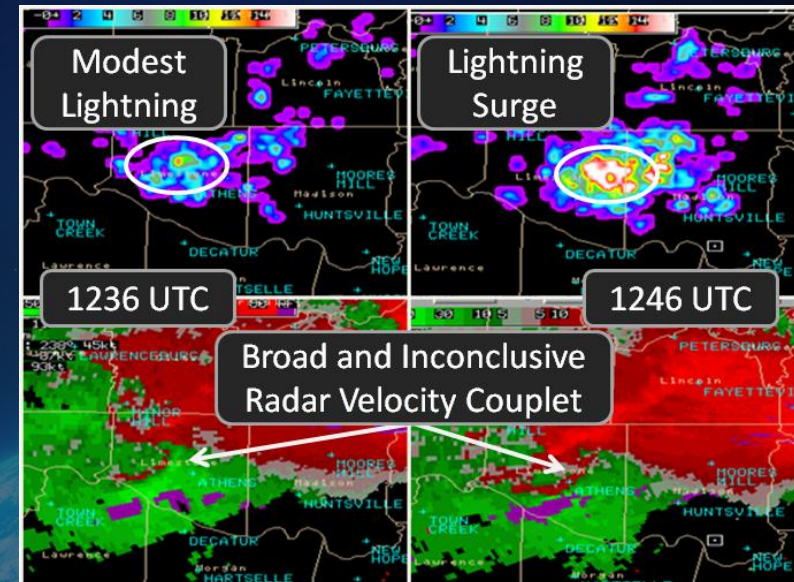
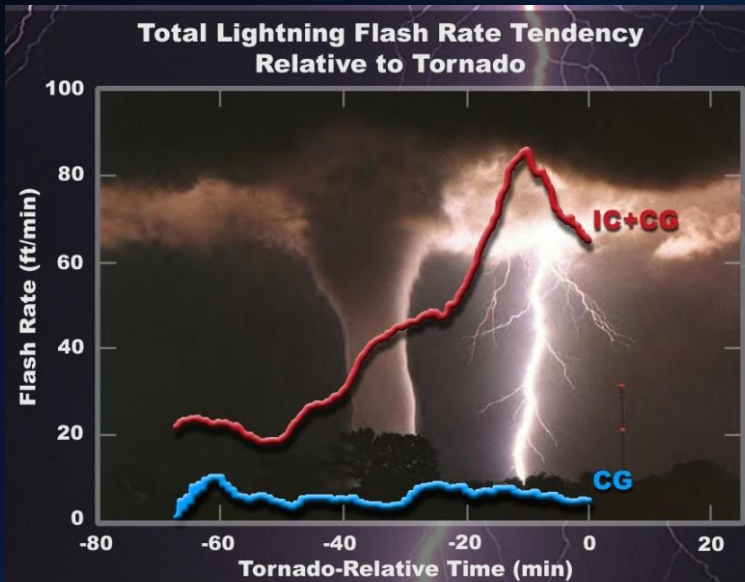


TABLE 3. Skill scores and average lead times using the sample set of 711 thunderstorms for both total lightning and CG lightning, correlating trends in lightning to severe weather.

	POD	FAR	CSI	HSS	lead time (all)	lead time (tornado)
Total lightning	79%	36%	55%	0.71	20.65 mins	21.32 mins

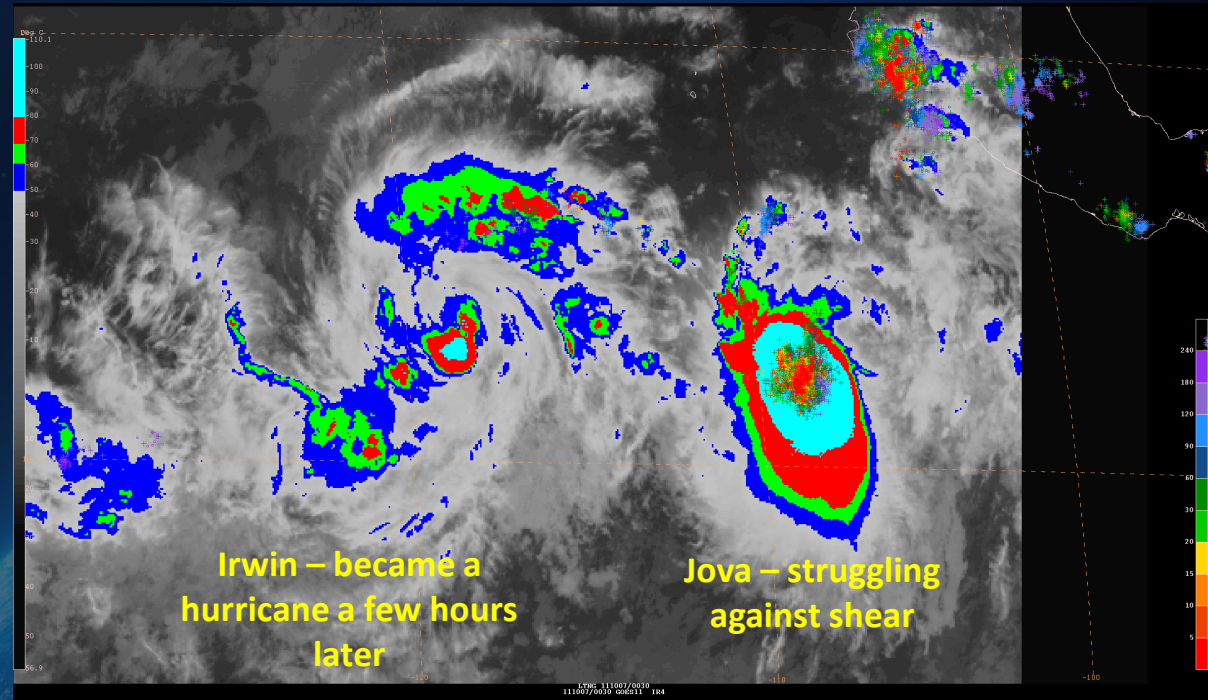
**National Average for Tornado warning lead-time is only 13 minutes**

An operational demonstration of the total lightning algorithm at the Hazardous Weather Testbed (at request of NWS) began in early April and is currently in progress.



# A Recent Example of Lightning in Eastern Pacific Tropical Cyclones

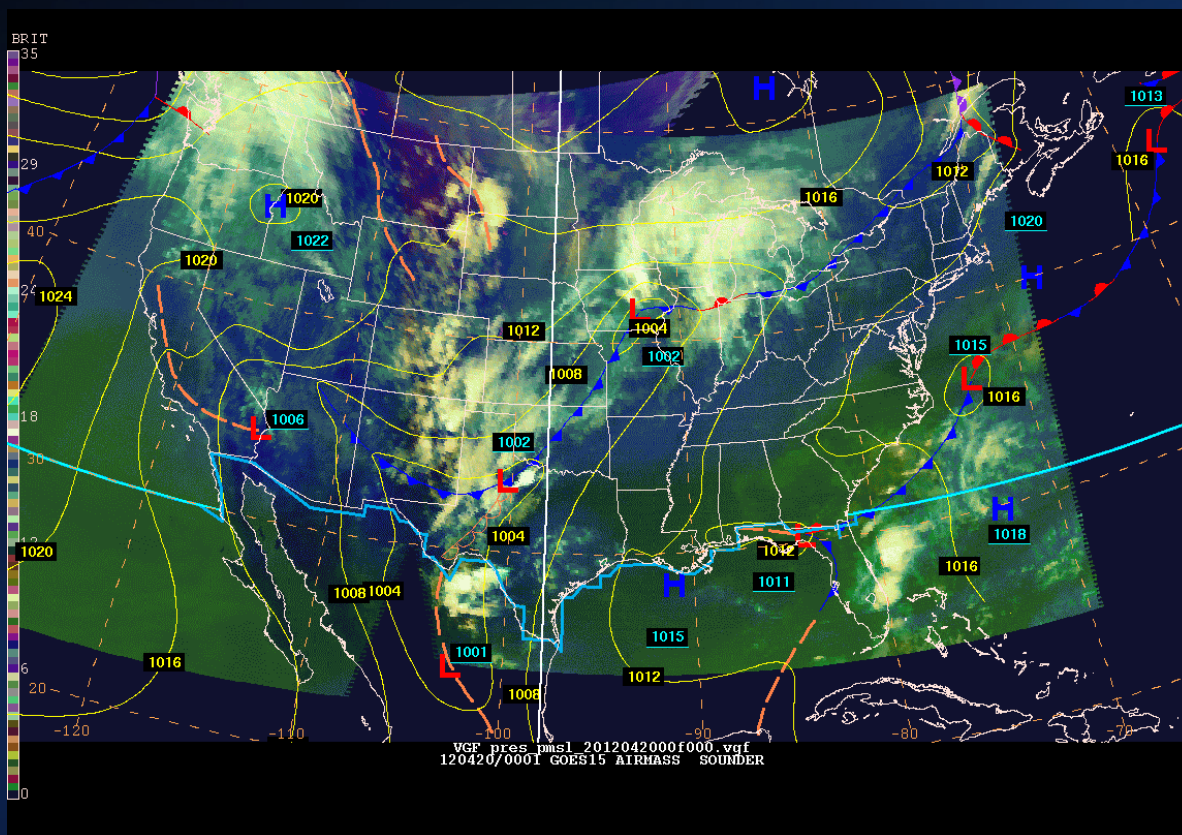
- Lightning activity from tropical storm Jova (the eastern storm) was much greater than that of Irwin (the western storm).
- The storm with less lightning (Irwin) intensified much more than the storm with more lightning (Jova), consistent with the rapid intensification index being demonstrated during the NHC Proving Ground
- Lightning outbreaks near the center are often associated with environmental vertical shear, which prevents intensification.
- In part from the experience being gained in the GOES-R Proving Ground, the NHC forecaster recognized that the increased lightning near the storm usually does not signal intensification.



*Example from Oct. 7, 2011 during the 2011 GOES-R Proving Ground Experiment at the National Hurricane Center courtesy of Jack Beven (NWS/NHC) and Mark DeMaria (NESDIS/STAR)*

# SAB mention of the GOES-Sounder RGB Air Mass Product for the 4/22/12 Nor'easter

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DEVELOPMENTAL GOES RGB IMAGERY REALLY SHOWING THIS EVOLUTION AND RAPID INTENSIFICATION OF NRN STREAM PIECE OF ENERGY WELL THE PAST FEW HRS. THIS EVIDENT BY INTRUSION OF STRATOSPHERIC AIR/DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONG JET OVER ERN MO/SRN IL/KY/TN AND DEVELOPMENT OF COLD POOL OVER WI/MI/IN/NRN IL. MEANWHILE, THESE SAME FEATURES WITH SRN STREAM UL LOW HAVE BECOME LESS DEFINED AND SUGGEST THIS PIECE OF ENERGY MAY BE WEAKENING. SO WOULD EXPECT, NRN STREAM PIECE OF THE PUZZLE TO BECOME MAIN INFLUENCING FACTOR IN WHAT HAPPENS WITH PRECIP/SFC LOW HEADING THROUGH THE NEXT FEW HRS.

*Courtesy of Michael Folmer (CICS Satellite Champion at HPC/OPC/SAB)*

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# GOES-R Visiting Scientist Program

- 10 Visiting Scientists have been selected in 2012 for 1-4 week visits to exchange ideas and initiate/continue collaborations applicable to their current research with other scientists and end users
- Scientist exchanges among NWS Centers and regions, NOAA Cooperative Institutes, national laboratories, and other partners
  - Continuing cooperation with EUMETSAT, Environment Canada, and others



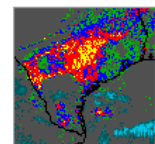
*GOES-R Science Team members participated in the Convection Working Group meeting in Prague, Czech Republic, March 27-30, 2012*

# Training and Education



## Online Training Modules

- GOES-R: Benefits of Next-Generation Environmental Monitoring (COMET)
- GOES-R 101
- Satellite Hydrology and Meteorology for Forecasters (SHyMet)
- SPoRT product training modules
- Commerce Learning Center



**GOES Fog Depth Download** (for NWS users)  
[Launch in browser](#) (user guide)

This training module focuses on the use of the Fog Depth product within the GOES Aviation suite provided through a collaboration between SPoRT and NESDIS. The use of this product along with the Low Cloud Base product is demonstrated in support of aviation forecasts of ceiling and visibility. This module takes 16 minutes to complete and requires the flash plug-in. (May 2008)

## Printed Materials

- GOES-R Fact Sheets (17)
- GOES-R Tri-fold

## GOES-R 101



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 Satellite Hydrology and Meteorology (SHyMet) Forecasters Course

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## Outreach Projects (with NWSFOs)

- COMET will reach out to the GOES-R Proving Ground Partners and connect them with university faculty to use current and prototype data products for the purpose of building a bridge from products that are currently available to those that will become available when GOES-R is launched.





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**"Strengthening Partnerships to Enhance User Readiness, Reception, and Utility"**

You are cordially invited to join us for  
this engaging event focused on users

**NOAA Satellite Conference**  
**April 8-12, 2013**  
**Miami, Florida**

**<http://satelliteconferences.noaa.gov/Miami2013>**



# NOAA Satellite Conference

for Direct Readout, GOES/POES, and GOES-R/JPSS Users

## GOALS:

Enhance user access, reception and readiness for data, technology, and applications from current and future environmental satellite constellations

Improve use of satellite data by leveraging advances in science, applications development, data fusion, and visualization

Promote interaction, coordination, and communication between and among environmental satellite programs



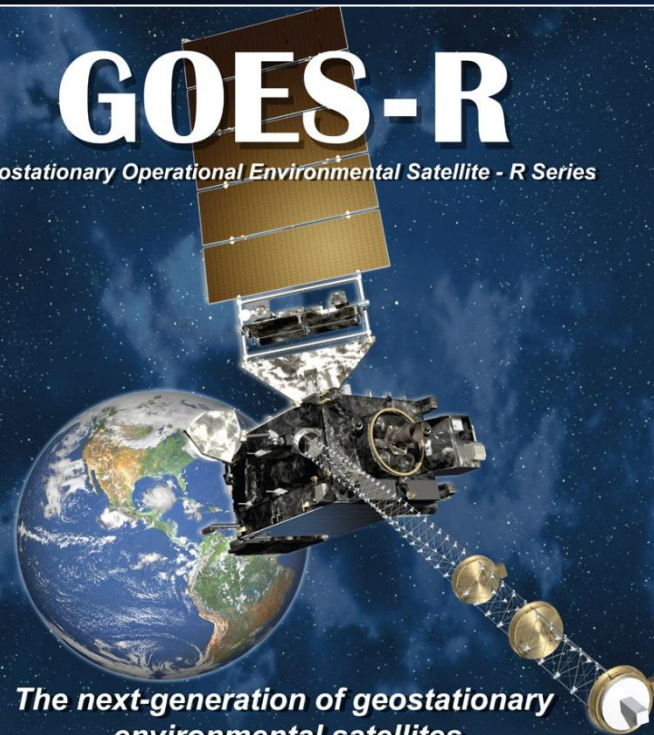
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# GOES-R


*Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite - R Series*




*The next-generation of geostationary environmental satellites*



Advanced imaging  
for accurate forecasts



Real-time mapping  
of lightning activity



Improved monitoring  
of solar activity

Spacecraft image courtesy of Lockheed Martin

# Thank you!

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